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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Dingsfelder et al.

Serial No. 10/812,297

Filed: March 29, 2004

**For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
MEASURING MECHANICAL PATH
LENGTHS BY MEANS OF
PNEUMATIC PRESSURE, IN
PARTICULAR FOR SLIDING
CARBON CONTACTS**

Group Art Unit: 2856
Examiner: John P. Fitzgerald

Attorney Docket No. 5858-02300

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(Kevin L. Vasson)

AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 15, 2004

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 15, 2004, please amend the case as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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| FOR | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA |
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| BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a)) | | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | minus 20 = | * |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | minus 3 = | * |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | |

| RATE | FEE |
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| TOTAL | |

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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| AMENDMENT A | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
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| Total (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | 17 | 20 | = |
| Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | | |

| RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
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| X \$ | = |
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| + \$ | = |
| TOTAL ADD'L FEE | |

| RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
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| TOTAL ADD'L FEE | |

| AMENDMENT B | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
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| Total (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | * | ** | = |
| Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | * | *** | = |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | | |

| RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
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| X \$ | = |
| X \$ | = |
| + \$ | = |
| TOTAL ADD'L FEE | |

| RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
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| X \$ | = |
| X \$ | = |
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| TOTAL ADD'L FEE | |

| AMENDMENT C | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | * | ** | = |
| Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | * | *** | = |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | | |

| RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
|-----------------|----------------|
| X \$ | = |
| X \$ | = |
| + \$ | = |
| TOTAL ADD'L FEE | |

| RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
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| X \$ | = |
| + \$ | = |
| TOTAL ADD'L FEE | |

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